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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Communication System In Presence Of Both Internal And External
Noise**
Inventors: PEETERS *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

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In reply to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are not required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.